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said element relative to the position of said body; and preparing and/or producing a connection between said element and said body.

Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement, Group II (claims 12-19) is hereby elected with traverse.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested, particularly in view of the above amendment to claim 1. According to the Examiner, "the product can be used in a materially different process such as to prepare or produce a connection between an element and a body" (emphasis added). As amended, claim 1 now recites the step of preparing and/or producing a connection between the element and the body. Accordingly, the claims of Group I should be examined with the claims of Group II, and thus examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

The change(s) to the specification and/or claims are below shown by underscoring and bracketing.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A method for applying an element to a body, comprising: detecting the position of a device for preparing and/or producing a connection between said body and said element relative to the position of said body; and preparing and/or producing a connection between said element and said body.

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